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Cold spring means slow start for sap

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

Spring. The sap is flowing from the trees, the syrup is on the boil. Or at least that's the way it's supposed to be. Local maple syrup producers are still waiting for the season to start its run.

"If you talk to the old-timers, they say March 25," says Wintergreen's Tom Dawson about when the golden sap should start to flow. But some producers are worried that the weather is still too cold and, following on the heels of a sub-par season last year, a few are beginning to worry, if only slightly, about this year's yield.

Not surprisingly, maple syrup production is almost entirely dependant on the weather, and not just during the spring. Cold or hot summers, wet or dry autumns, snowy or snowless winters also dictate the outcome of the short spring sap-sucking season.

"There are two factors [to the weather's co-operation]," says Neil Campbell, who runs an independent syrup operation near Minden. "Number one is what kind of weather did we have last year. We didn't have good weather last year, we had a dry summer. It might be that we got enough rain in the fall to save it, though.

"But that's all speculative," says Campbell. "You could get 16 different people with 16 different answers."

Proving his latter thesis is Roger Hutchinson of Roger's Sugar House near Carnarvon. He says the moisture in the ground last fall was good, leading him to speculate a good season this year.

"I'm still hopeful," he says after having checked his records from previous years. "Often we don't start until around the 20th or 21st of March and we had good moisture in the ground in the fall...If we'd had a drought

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Swinging into spring

Bradley Fraser goes sky high while Chantalle Switzer takes it easy on the swings at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden Tuesday.

Deer vulnerable to dog attacks

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Marilou Packard had never seen anything as gruesome.

She was driving along Hwy. 118 west of Carnarvon when she came across a dog eating a deer in the middle of the road. She pulled

over, chased the dog away and, to her added horror, discovered that the deer was still alive when it struggled to stand up and stagger to the side of the road.

"It was foaming at the mouth and its breathing was laboured," she says.

There was no way to save the deer, which

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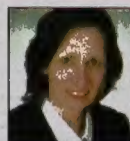
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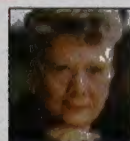
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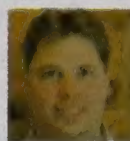
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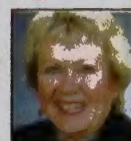
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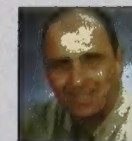
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Dogs a threat to deer

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was later shot by Conservation Officers with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"I'm a dog owner," says Packard, "and I would never let my dog do something like that."

She urges dog owners to be more careful when they let their dogs run loose. It's a message shared by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Deer are particularly susceptible to dog attacks in the weeks between winter and spring.

"This is one of the most critical times of the year," says Mike Ladouceur, acting district enforcement officer with the Bancroft MNR office.

The deer are running out of good winter browse and while some grass is exposed by the melting snow, it's not the lush, green grass that provides the deer with nutrients.

In their weakened state, any unnecessary expenditure of energy could prove dangerous.

Dogs pose a particular threat for two reasons. Dogs can run on top of the crust of snow while the deer must crush through it. Deer risk breaking bones and are more easily caught when chased by dogs.

If a dog chases a deer onto a lake, the deer risks serious nerve damage if it sprints its legs now that there is no snow-cover to make the ice less slippery.

Keeping dogs tied up is also good for the dog's health. If a Conservation Officer catches a dog chasing a deer this time of year, the CO has the right to shoot the dog.

Getting travellers onto trails easier with signage, network says

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The following are brief notes from the March 16 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Karen Hoover of the Trails and Tours Network appeared before council seeking approval in principle for road signage directing travellers to Trails and Tours trails.

"It certainly needs some tweaking, but it's a draft start," said Hoover about the sign initiative of Trails and Tours. "It is something that is really needed. We felt Algonquin Highlands is a really good place to start."

Trails and Tours began its signage initiative with OSTAR grant money that identified where signs were needed to direct travellers all along from the highways to the trail heads.

The billboard-style signs being designed will, it's hoped, be placed at such places as the North Shore Road and the Little Hawk Lake turnoffs on Highway 35. Sign sharing would be a possibility at Dorset and the log chute.

Dogs running on ice

The township's bylaw office informed council that there had been a number of dog-related incidents in the township during the month of February. Specifically, there had been a number of complaints about dogs running loose on the frozen lakes chasing people.

A municipal dog tag on one of the dogs led staff to the owner, who was warned by the bylaw staff about dogs running at large.

Municipal Day

The 2006 Municipal Day has been moved to the spring because of the municipal elections scheduled for this fall. The Municipality of Dysart et al is hosting this year's municipal get-together at the Delta Pinestone Resort on April 28.

When asked who will be attending the conference, Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "I'd like to see all of our councillors there, as well as our CAO and any staff he thinks would benefit from it."

Bell Mobility Tower

Council has been contacted by letter with respect to a new proposed Bell Mobility Telecommunications facility

in Oxtongue Lake. The proposed tower's location is 315 metres towards Highway 60 from a previous proposal. Although the first proposed site was rejected, Bell is hopeful that this tower, which has the same design, will be supported by council and Oxtongue Lake.

"We were prepared to support [a tower] before," said Reeve Harrison. "We will support it again provided we satisfy the residents of the area."

Councillor Diane Griffin read an e-mail from the Oxtongue Business Group, which openly stated support for the tower to be erected near Algonquin Lodge.

On May 27, there will be a public meeting held on the issue at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre.

Defibrillators in rec centres

A discussion about emergency response protocol led Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner to suggest that perhaps the community centres in Stanhope and Dorset should have defibrillators of their own.

Both of the community centres in Dorset and Stanhope are close to fire halls (which have defibrillators), Gardner said, but response times could pose serious health risks to people in need.

Fire Chief John Hogg said that costs range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Asked by Harrison whether specialized training was required, Gardner said that there are units available that, once attached (via instructions on the unit), operate automatically by monitoring the heart rate and defibrillating only when necessary. "That's something to think about for the future," said Harrison.

Fire department dispatch

Council approved Hogg's recommendation that Peerless Security be selected as the new dispatch service for Algonquin Highlands (except for the Stanhope area) and that the township and Peerless develop an agreement to be effective April 6.

Sheila Griffin

The township's treasurer, Sheila Griffin, has recently received her human resources certification from the Association of Clerks, Treasurers and Municipal Managers.

In addition to Griffin's new credentials, CAO Lorne Mitchell told council that the township staff is hoping to piece together an operational policy manual for the municipality, the purpose of which is to allow for the review of the township's policies and updates where necessary to make everything legal. The new policy manual would address human resources.

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Thirteen-year-old Peter Markowski spends a lot of time working in his dad's business, Rachel's Bakery on Bobcaygeon Road. Peter, keen on working hard not only in the

bakery but also in school, also runs his own company, Dave's Super Services, with his dad's help.

Young entrepreneur's ambition is rising

Peter Markowski's business career gets off to an early start at his father's bakery

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

PETER MARKOWSKI IS, in many respects, a regular 13-year-old boy. He likes sports, video games, music and hanging out with friends. But despite epitomizing teenage youth, he has a quality that makes him totally unique, if not an inspiration to us all. He is fast becoming a successful entrepreneur who is not only good at the work he does, but he also enjoys it.

"In the summer, I work for my dad about five or six hours a day and I get paid for that," he says. "It's a fun way to spend my summer."

"It really teaches you independence," he adds. "It's just what I like to do...I think I'll look on my working experiences and think positively about them."

A Grade 8 student at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Markowski is an ambitious student who does well academically, excelling most notably in French class and math. "History," he laughs, "is not going well right now." Markowski also enjoys sports and writing, not only recently writing a class newsletter but also placing second in last year's Legion Poetry Contest.

Born in Brampton but 'made' in Germany, says his father Marion Markowski of Rachel's Bakery in Minden, Peter has lived in Minden since he was a young child. His mother and father run the bakeries in Minden and Haliburton and his only brother, 15-year-old David, is a student at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"My mom and my dad really prepared us," Peter says about his and his brother's eagerness to work. "They work hard and we work hard. My dad is always busy, so I figure I should be, too."

And just how hard does young Markowski work? Most days after school as well as the occasional lunch shift. His school, after all, is only a stone's throw away from the family business.

Today's youth are routinely targeted by previous gener-

ations as lazy ne'er-do-wells who, unlike previous generations, don't contribute and cannot entertain themselves. Peter, his work ethic and devotion to family and school, fly in the face of all that. He is a great example of what young people can do not only to benefit the community,



Marian Markowski hopes his son will take over the bakery but Peter has some travelling he wants to do first.

but also themselves.

As if his shifts in the bakery weren't enough, just last year Peter took over his brother's business, Dave's Super Services, a general maintenance gig that shovels snow and mows lawns. Not surprisingly, their father plays a big role in the business, "he's my financial advisor," claims Peter.

Dave's Super Services is a proper business; it is even registered with the provincial Ministry of Consumer and Business Services. Currently, the company is worth around \$5,000, with enough left over for Peter and his brother to buy their father a full-sized pool table for Christmas.

Despite the business, Peter says most of his working hours are spent at his father's bakery. While his father,

Canada's first master baker does the baking, Peter helps out cleaning and working the cash register and helping customers. Over the Christmas holidays, he was even enlisted to help train the other staff how to run the store.

The key to his success, he says, is to know what you are doing and to start small.

"When I first started [at the bakery], I was sweeping and mopping the floor," he says. "Then I learned how to use the cash machine, so I was doing all three."

Peter now finds himself closing the store some nights as well as running the bakery while his father slaves away in the back. "I know what I'm doing," he says. "I have the experience. I've been around the bakery industry a long time."

He also has experience travelling. He has been to Poland to visit his grandparents and cousins and he has travelled to Chicago to visit his uncle, with whom his father worked with for a while. Peter also regularly travels within Ontario with his father on business, especially to Toronto to pick up food and products for the bakery.

"I like to travel," Peter says. "I would love to go to France and see the Eiffel Tower."

Given his marks in French and his fondness for cooking, as opposed to baking, Peter may yet find himself travelling to France, if not living there full-time. But just what exactly he wants to do in life, like most teenagers, he is unsure other than he would like to go to college or university and get a degree. While his father wants him to take over the bakery, Peter sees himself leaving Minden.

"Right now, I don't see myself staying in Minden," he says. "Hopefully, I might go to the cities, either Ottawa or Toronto."

But the future is a long way away from Peter Markowski. First, he'll have to start and finish high school, an adventure he is eager to begin.

"I'm really hoping to get good with computers," he says. "Also, I'll get to meet different people."

In the meantime, if you need your driveway shovelled and you can afford him...

Little girl, big heart

Seven-year-old Amy Black donates her hair to an organization that makes wigs for people who are suffering from cancer or illness

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

No matter how hard you try to prepare yourself, nothing can lessen the shock of seeing yourself in the mirror after all your hair falls out.

"You don't know who the person is looking back at you," says Brenda McArthur, who was diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in September of 2004 and lost all her hair a short time later during chemotherapy.

"For me, that was what made me feel like I was sick," says her younger sister Kathy McKelvey-Brown, whose chemotherapy for breast cancer was interrupted by the need to remove half of a cancerous lung. "You don't only lose your hair, you lose your eyelashes, your eyebrows, even the hairs in your nose."

"So many people say, 'It's just hair,'" McArthur adds, "but it's yours, it's part of you."

Listening in on this conversation is seven-year-old Amy Black, who lives with her family on Kushog Lake Road. Her grandmother, Linda Black, is Brenda and Kathy's sister (and one of the other three women in the family who has not had cancer.)

A few weeks ago, if you had asked someone to describe Amy, they would have told you about her long, beautiful hair which cascaded to her waist.

That hair now falls to just below her chin. The rest of it was put in a pony tail, cut and donated to an organization that makes wigs for children who lose their hair to cancer or disease.

"She's had her long hair since she was

two; it was her identity," says Amy's mother, Stephanie Black. She was surprised by how shocked everyone was when they saw Amy with her short hair. "They'd say, 'How could you cut her hair off?', so that's why we started telling people why she cut her hair."

It wasn't any of the adults in this story who gave Amy the idea. Instead, one day she was watching a television program about one of the many organizations that supply donated hair for wigs. That night she asked her parents, Stephanie and John, a lot of questions about it but then nothing else was said until the day that her younger brother Brendan got his hair cut.

"I'm going to get my hair cut, too," she announced in a tone that indicated she'd made up her mind and no one was going to change it. Not only that, she was going to donate it so that a child who was coping with baldness could have a pretty wig.

When Amy phoned her great aunts that night, they cried when they heard the news.

"It takes a pretty special person to make a sacrifice for someone she doesn't know," says Kathy, who lives with her family between Lochlin and Gelert.

Brenda, a Lindsay resident who contacted the newspaper about her niece's generosity, was deeply touched by Amy's gesture. "I loved her hair - it was gorgeous," she says. "It was amazing she would do that."

Mother Stephanie has been amazed by how special everyone thinks Amy's actions were. "As parents John and I were proud of her but we didn't realize how proud other people would be."



When Amy Black told her great-aunts, Brenda McArthur and Kathy McKelvey-Brown that she had donated her hair to an organization that makes wigs for people who lose their hair, the two cancer survivors were deeply touched by her thoughtfulness.

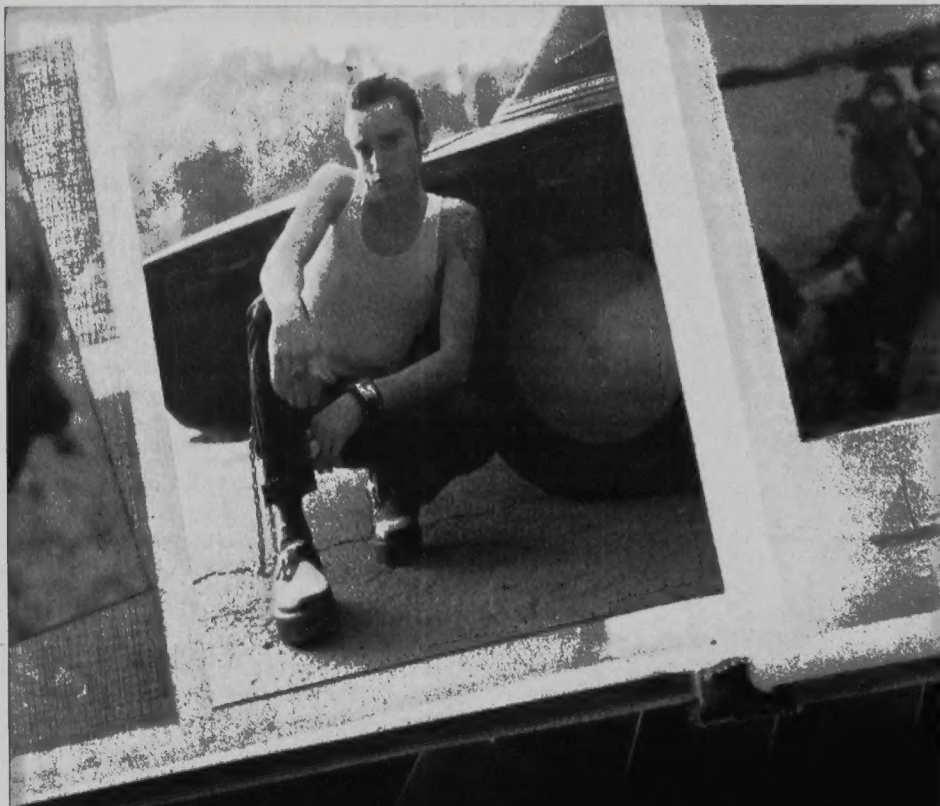
Already, Brianne Mansfield, who works with Amy's grandmother at Minden Drug Store, has been inspired to cut her hair, too.

And what does Amy think about it all? "I felt good because I did something thoughtful," she says. She says she wanted to donate her hair because "I was

thinking about how sad it was that people lost their hair and they were sick."

Now she loves waking up in the morning without hair in her mouth or eyes, and is even thinking about letting her hair grow so she can have it cut again. She and her parents might also join Brenda

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Cancer hits family hard

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and Kathy in another fundraiser for cancer, Lindsay's first-ever Relay for Life. It's a night-long walk around a track set aglow by luminaries on June 9.

Luminaries are special candles that are placed in bags. Written on the bag is the name of a cancer survivor or someone who lost their battle against the disease. Kathy's and Brenda's name will be written on two of the bags, symbolizing both the pride and the heartache they feel having conquered such a tortuous enemy.

Cancer is a menacing dark cloud that hangs over the lives of Amy's great aunts. Although new statistics seem to indicate that cancer will hit one in two Canadians, the type that has invaded the bodies of two of the five sisters was particularly nasty.

In April of 2002, Kathy was the first to get the news. A young mother in her forties, she had two separate cancers, one in each breast. One was invasive and had spread into her lymph nodes; the other was more easily treatable.

A month into her chemotherapy, she had a fever. At the urging of her sister Brenda, she drove into the Haliburton Hospital to have it checked out. Luckily for her, the locum on duty decided to take an x-ray of her lungs since blood work would be inconclusive. (The chemotherapy kills all the cells that are an indicator of infection.)

"That doctor was my guardian angel," she says. The x-ray revealed tumours in one of her lungs. "If he hadn't have done a chest x-ray, by the time I had symptoms

it would have been too advanced."

At the time, her son, Braydin Hollows, was only four and it was the thought of him that kept her going through the bleakest times. (She also has a 19-year-old child.)

"The only thing I was thinking about was that Braydin's too young not to have a mom. My kids got me through a lot of days."

Brenda was heartsick as she watched her sister go through the gruelling process of trying to rid her body of the malignant cells.

"I was scared to death for her and what she was up against," she says. "With her chemo she was so sick and fatigued, it was horrific for her. Sitting there in the chemo room watching them pour all those poisons into her body..."

"It was horrific but you're fighting for your life and try to suck it up."

After Kathy's diagnosis, Brenda was vigilant in checking for tumours in her own breasts. What she didn't realize, however, is that cancer didn't have to feel like a lump; it could also present itself as what she describes as a thickness. In August of 2004 she felt something odd. A month later, the presence of cancer was confirmed.

Like her sister, she had cancer in both breasts but with her, both cancers were intent on spreading as quickly as possible to other parts of her body. She had a double mastectomy and then started treatment — four months of the most aggressive form of chemotherapy followed by 25 radiation treatments.

"Luckily" for her, her doctors could learn from what Kathy had been through

and Brenda was able to avoid some of the worst side effects.

Both sisters were told the chemo would make them lose their hair. Brenda had hers cut really short in preparation and then one day, all of a sudden, it was gone.

"It's devastating," she says. By the time you lose your hair you've already been through so much that it comes as a huge blow. She, ironically, found wigs too hot so she wore either a hat — including a toque in the summer because her head felt cold — or a bandana. (Kathy stuck to bandanas.)

Although both women are cancer free today, "it's something you live with every day, even though you try to put it on a back burner," says Kathy. "Every time you get an ache or a pain that's different, that's your first thought."

Making sure that a cure for cancer is found is their second thought. They have, as a family, participated in the Terry Fox Run and Kathy has done a dragon boat race, an event she found inspiring. Not quite having the stamina to contemplate one of the 60 km walks yet, they are looking forward to taking part in Relay for Life. Throughout the evening, they'll take turns walking the track and then crash at Brenda's in the morning.

They are still looking for team members to join them. (It turns out that Kathy's husband, David Hollows, and Braydin will be a parade of minor hockey champions taking place the next day so they probably won't be able to make it.)

If you would like to participate or sponsor them, please call Kathy McKelvey-Brown at 286-6837 or Brenda McArthur at 705-878-5778.

Do you have hair you want to donate?

There are many different organizations which accept donations of hair. All of them require a minimum length of about 10 inches. Most prefer that the hair has not been colour treated or permed.

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File No.: RZ-05-16

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend either Township Zoning By-Law No. 86-26 as amended, or By-Law 06-10, to rezone lands described as Part of Lot 1 and 2, Concession 4, in the Geographic Township of Minden from the Rural ((RU)) Zone to the Highway Commercial Zone. The purpose of the rezoning is to facilitate an automotive showroom on the property.

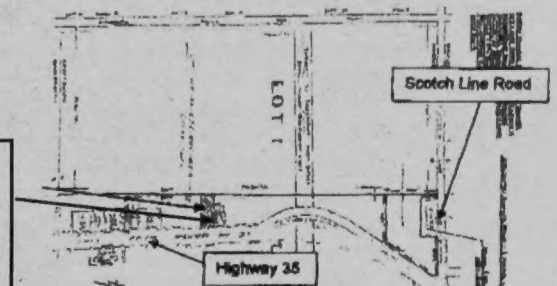
The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the Zoning By-law Amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representation in respect of the application. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on this matter at a future meeting. If you wish to be notified of Council's decision please forward such requests (with forwarding addresses) in writing to the attention of the Planning Administrator.

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Additional information regarding the proposed zoning by-law is available to the public for inspection at the Municipality of Minden Hills Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street during normal office hours.

Date of this Notice: March 23, 2006
(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, CMO, CMM
Planning Administrator

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Pure sweetness

MAPLE SYRUP is perhaps the most quintessential Canadian thing left in this age of globalization and international uniformity. Scandinavia and Eastern Europe now dominate the hockey world, Celine Dion now lives in Las Vegas, curling is in fact Scottish and Tim Hortons, with several hundred franchises in the U.S., is owned by Wendy's and is soon to be sold publicly on the New York Stock Exchange as well as Toronto's.

There is no mystery why the mighty maple's leaf is emblazoned on our flag.

For some, the annual trip to the sugar shack in the spring not only represents the passing of one year into the next, but it also reminds us of our roots in this land and our dependence on it. Despite the fact that less than 10 per cent of Ontario's one million litres of syrup annually is produced by the traditional tap and bucket, it is all just boiled tree sap, whether from a tube or a bucket.

Simplicity at its sweetest with nothing added. Even the strictest food-nazis would have to agree, maple syrup is the definition of organic. And, this, the most basic of sugar sources that delights so many, is a key ingredient to the county's economic burgeoning at this time of year when city folk once again make the pilgrimage north to taste the sweetness of the trees.

The problem, however, is that the magic of maple syrup is appreciated by an ever-dwindling population. All across Canada and especially in Toronto and Montreal, the two largest centres at the heart of Canada's syrup industry, waves of new immigrants arrive each year without the foggiest idea of what maple syrup is. In Toronto, there are no advertising campaigns to draw the newcomers north. Without broadening their horizons and vigorously promoting their product beyond the bush-land, the Canadian syrup industry could stumble, replaced by other nations as has happened in the past. Already, some 14 U.S. states produce it with bigger and bigger harvests every year. There are reports, too, that small operations have started up in Russia and Scandinavia. It may not be for long that Canada, mostly Quebec, produces 75 per cent of the world's maple syrup.

Following the fate of hockey, Tim Hortons and Celine Dion, Canadians might wake up one day to find that the sap doesn't run here anymore.

Dogs on the run

It is hard to imagine that in this hinterland, with such huge expanses of open country and bush, dogs should not be allowed to roam free. But at what cost should we recognize that freedom?

Dogs, both the year-round resident kind and their city kin, are animals after all. No matter the training, no matter the obedience, instinct is impossible to deny, especially in the presence of a fresh deer scent. And as anyone in the know would attest, deer already have a hard enough time surviving a Minden winter, without the added peril of domestic dogs nipping at their heels, or worse, eating them alive on the highway.

Wolves and coyotes, and their predation on weaker deer, is the natural state of things. Their freedom to chase deer, to kill deer and to eat deer should be protected. On the other hand, conservation and police officers alike are right to shoot dogs who do the same as their wilder counterparts. Domestic dogs are unnatural creatures in the forest and they should be controlled, in the spring, by being kept inside or tied up outdoors.

Bryn Weese

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Pinestone trio

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

What happened to integrity and proper procedure?

To the Editor:

Recent articles and letters about changes to our existing bylaws, i.e. large trucks on properties and a new proposal to regulate pits and quarries, beg the question: why do we have a township planner and chief bylaw officer if council members don't want to follow their advice?

On each of these issues staff have been told to "go back and revise". Surely it's in the best interest of taxpayers that council give serious consideration to these bylaw proposals by recognizing that these men

have put considerable time, expertise, and research into the findings they present.

Furthermore, how is the public justly represented by council when Ingram Wessell acknowledges a conflict of interest on issues, but blatantly goes ahead and speaks out during the meeting? Is he a law unto himself? Are we to believe his comments will not influence the decisions of council? What happened to integrity and proper procedure? Shame!

Estella Burch,
Minden

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

For the good of the nation

THIS MORNING it occurred to me that I've been sitting on the sidelines long enough. I've criticized Canadian politics and its practitioners for as far back as I can remember. Now it's time to put up or shut up.

That's why, as of right now, I'm announcing my candidacy for the leadership of the Liberal Party of Canada. I'd announce simultaneous leadership bids for the other parties, too, but the jobs are already taken. Maybe next time.

This sudden move might come as a surprise to those who know me since I have never voted Liberal in my entire life. To this I say, never underestimate the incredible power of boredom or even the dire need for a column idea. By the way, you'll get all sorts of witty and colourful off-the-cuff remarks like this from me once I hit the campaign trail.

I'll be a PR man's worst nightmare. The press and political cartoonists will love me. I'll do crazy things like say fuddle-duddle or, in the great spirit of Liberalism, dance without underwear in

Studio 54. You have my word on that.

Isn't that amazing? I've been a politician for less than four paragraphs and I've already made you empty promises.

Now that we've set up the ground rules, let me tell you a little bit about my vision for a better Canada. First of all, I promise a moose in every pot.

You might think that this is overly ambitious but hear me out.

If we're going to have a moose in every pot, rather than a paltry (or is it poultry) chicken, as some unimaginative politicians have promised, it naturally follows that we'll need bigger pots. I'm talking about the kind you see missionaries standing in, especially when depicted in those cartoons where the cannibals have invited them over for dinner.

A quick check on E-Bay has shown

that no one manufactures these in any sort of quantity anymore; the market bottomed out when cannibalism got a bad rap.

And that, my friends is the brilliance of my plan. Since we'll need them, we'll design and manufacture these pots here in Canada. But I'm not talking about a simple black cauldron anymore. No, I envision a simple black cauldron with a Canadarm attached, the sole purpose of which is to stir the moose and perhaps add salt.

If nothing else, this will boost our manufacturing sector and jumpstart the economy. Of course, we'll need more moose. But don't despair, that's why I propose to give tax credits to any beef farmer who switches over to raising moose. Needless to say, this will get us out of this mad cow jam that we keep getting in.

Critics might say that no one family can eat a full moose in a sitting. And, except for the fact that they are critics, they'd be right, too. That's why every Canadian family would have to buy an additional freezer. As you can see, consumer spending will skyrocket and this means jobs, jobs, jobs. The plan is a winner I tell you.

Here's another. How about an annual tourism campaign where we promote seeing celebrities laying on the ice with baby seals? If you buy the deluxe package, we'll take your picture while you club them. This, in turn, will bring in more celebrities and business will boom. What other country can provide this sort of adventure tourism opportunity I ask you? Believe me, it's the stuff that memories are made of.

Of course, I've got several other good ideas like this, which I will reveal once I am leader of the Liberal Party. Now if only I could acquire a little sponsorship...



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

In land we trust

THE MAIN STAND of sugar maples on Sapsucker Ridge bestrides the long loaf of land that gives my property its name and my life its meaning in these sap-gathering days of early spring.

It is rich enough in maples to make a forester's jaw drop. It has the look of southern Ontario, or so he tells me.

Those dozen acres of maples, hobblesh, squirrel corn and woodpeckers seem precious to me, but then so do all of my 50 acres.

Not far south of me, a few hundred feet from my property line, there are holes in the ground where once there was a forest much like mine and, later, cattle grazing rough pastures. Now there are gravel pits.

The topography is enough like mine that I imagine there might be rich gravel deposits beneath my maple ridge. I can't bear the thought that someday it, too, might some day be a hole in the ground.

I have no general objection to gravel pits; they are the way of a world built on concrete. It is just that, selfishly, I want Sapsucker Ridge to stay the way it is now forever.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, which has only just begun, might give me the means to do that. It aims to save significant bits and pieces of the Haliburton landscape.

Haliburton's land trust is only a year old but there are land trusts all around us – the Couchiching Conservancy is buying up pieces of the Carden Plain and there are trusts around the rim of Georgian Bay, in Muskoka, the Kawarthas and Hastings County.

Land trusts have evolved to take on broader stewardship responsibilities but the basic tools that could preserve my private landscape in perpetuity are trusts and conservation easements.

Donating my real estate to a land trust would mean surrendering title to my land to the trust. That's the simple part.

The complicated part is working out the terms of the donation. I might want to stipulate which natural features are to be protected or how it is to be managed. My house is on the land; I might want to continue living in it.

Land trusts can't accept all of the land that they are offered. There has to be something special about a property that makes it worth preserving.

Every acquisition costs the trust money. In the short term, there are professionals to hire to oversee the transaction. In the

long term, there are property taxes, insurance and all of the ordinary costs of being a landowner.

For the donor, there can be a considerable income tax benefit, as much as 50 per cent or more on a \$100,000 property, depending on the giver's financial circumstances.

Not all property held by land trusts is donated. For example, many of Couchiching's acquisitions were purchases.

For me, conservation easements make more sense. They enable an owner who doesn't want to surrender title to his

land to preserve designated natural features of his property. Easements outlive the owner; in theory they last forever.

An easement restricts how the property can be used. For example, it might forbid gravel extraction or hunting, permit only sustainable forestry, protect animal and plant life, or forbid severances or subdivisions on the property.

Again, trusts aren't able to accept all of the easements they are offered because of the cost of enforcing them. What it needs most now to get it started is money, not land.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Lutterworth Pines meeting not 'impromptu'

To the Editor:

I would just like to take the time to write a letter on behalf of all the residents of our Lutterworth Pines Community. As you are aware our water system is in the process of being taken over by Minden Hills, (Before we were responsible for our own water system.)

We all received letters from the municipality saying that there was a council meeting on Feb. 23 and we were all invited to attend. When we did show up, we were asked 'why were we there that day? It was not an open meeting. We showed the reeve the letter that we were sent and he said they had no idea that this letter was ever sent out! Now shouldn't the right

hand know what the left hand is doing?

We did get to go into the meeting for all of about 15 minutes, and we were then told that we could come to a meeting on Mar. 30 regarding this situation. I am enclosing a copy of the letter that we received because we don't feel that we barged in on them as was stated in the Minden Times on Mar. 2. It said it was an impromptu meeting.

Well, if we received these letters on Feb. 16, do you not think that they should have been prepared for us coming?

Jill Hamilton,
Residents of Lutterworth Pines

A reflection of friendship

To the Editor:

Nigel and I would like to thank everyone for their support in our latest tangle with Mother Nature. We could never have imagined the amount of kindness and support extended to us.

Being the recipients of a benefit dance was very humbling because without the generosity of friends and family we could not have contemplated rebuilding the Garden Centre. We also have numerous offers of physical help when the time comes. (We have a mental date of April 15th for re-opening.)

It's been an unusually harsh winter for us but we are wealthy if measured by the wonderful people we have met since moving to Carnarvon. We won't let you down!

Gina and Nigel Atkinson,
Pine Reflections Gift & Garden Centre, Carnarvon

Colder than usual weather conditions delay sap run

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I'd be a little concerned.

"I have no reason to believe that the season will any different than an average typical year because a lot of it depends on the moisture content in the ground from the previous year," says Hutchinson who hopes to make 200 litres this year based on the industry average of one litre of syrup per tap.

But both Campbell and Hutchinson agree that ideal weather patterns earlier in the year only sew the seeds for potential by creating a wet sugary sap in the trees. "Whether you realize that potential depends on the weather during maple syrup season," says Campbell, adding that he thinks the weather so far this season has been far too cold.

"At this point, I'm just concerned," he says. "I wish it would start running. It makes you feel better if you are not sitting around waiting for it."

But consistency is what all producers are looking for,

even Hutchinson, who agrees with Campbell and a host of other local producers who say that the ideal weather to induce running sap is warmish days of five degrees Celsius and coolish nights of five degrees below freezing.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' maple agri-phone message (1-888-290-4441), a weekly report collected from producers across the province, seasonally low temperatures have been recorded around the province and are expected to continue for some time yet.

"During the week of March 13, the weather went from extremely warm on Monday to below freezing on Tuesday with strong winds and snow showers. Temperatures remained below freezing and seasonal norms across most of the province accompanied by strong winds. Several maple syrup producing regions have reported limited sap flows and some syrup production. Others are still tapping and hoping good conditions will occur."

During the week of March 20, the weather is expected to remain below seasonal values for most of the week.

In fact, according to Environment Canada, temperatures for Central Ontario are expected to remain below seasonal norms all spring. For this upcoming weekend, temperatures will likely reach no higher than 2° Celsius, with

snow flurries possible.

What is one producer's nightmare, however, is another's good fortune.

"The fact that it has held off a little bit has been really good for us, actually," says Tom Dawson of Wintergreen. "The sap started to move a couple of weeks ago and we weren't 100 per cent ready, we had to run around and throw a few things together, so the fact that it froze up gave us a chance to put a lot of things together. We are sitting here waiting now, everything is ready to roll."

Even if the season continues to hold off, Dawson isn't panicking. At Wintergreen, maple syrup is only a part of the operation.

"Farming today has to be diversified," says Dawson. "The reality is we do so many different things here that the maple syrup is just part of what we do."

Although syrup is only part of Wintergreen, it is an essential part and if the season is slow, Dawson isn't averse to buying syrup from other producers. He already uses syrup from a producer near Norland to supplement his own.

"If a Ford dealership runs out of Fords, they get more cars," he laughs.

It is not just the syrup, for Dawson, but what they do

see PRODUCERS page 9

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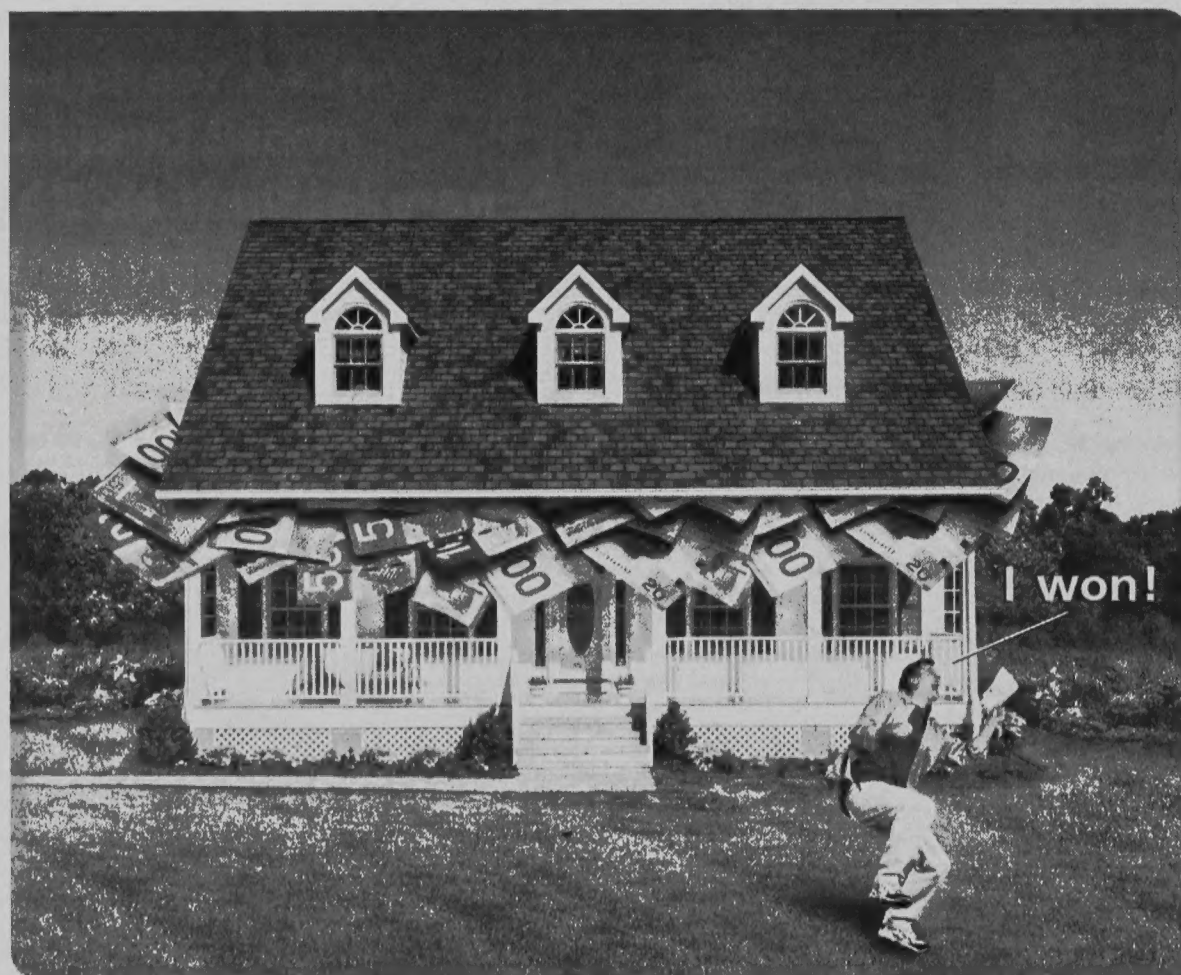
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Producers 'not in panic mode yet'

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Playoff fever

Left: the Pee wee Storm easily outmaneuvered Ops Township to take the Tri-County championship in Haliburton Saturday, thanks to a 3-0 win. Nick Freeman scored the first two, with the third from Colby Cunningham. Rob Lewis recorded the shutout.

Above: the South Huron Sabres' allowed two Saturday, but came back with five unanswered goals to defeat the Midget AE Storm in the first game of their OMHA provincial championship final series in Haliburton. The Storm also lost the second game Sunday in Minden, 1-0 in overtime. Play now moves to South Huron, with games at the Stephen Township arena in Huron Park Saturday and the Exeter arena Sunday. Photos, Casey Lessard.

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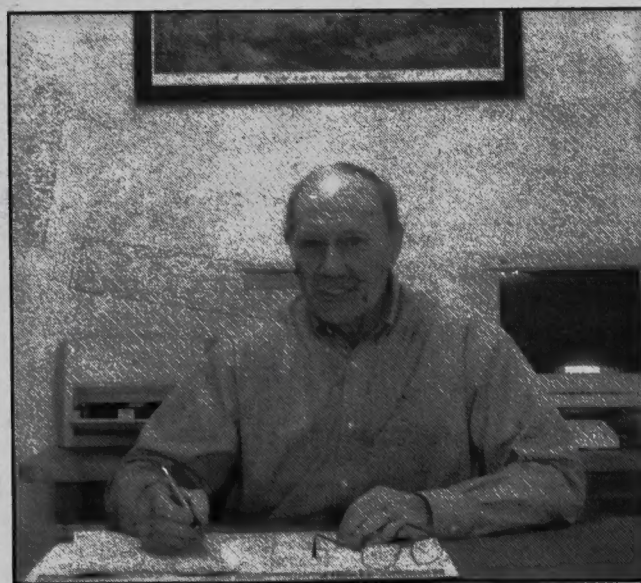
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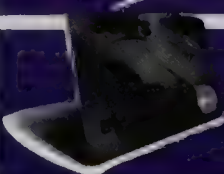
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Minden curler sweeps into Alberta

Teenager represents southern Ontario in international competition

by BRYN WEESE
Times staff

Jake Walker is an unimposing 17-year-old who, without making much ado, may be one of the best young curlers in the province. At the end of the month, he hopes to prove he is among the best curlers his age in the country, perhaps even the world.

As vice, or second in command, on the team that won the bantam (16 and under) provincial championship last year, Walker and his teammates will represent southern Ontario at an international tournament in Alberta at the end of the month.

The competition in Calgary, the Under-18 International Curling Championships, is a five-day round robin tournament pitting some of the best curlers around the world against each other. Not only does the men's competition include eight teams from Canada, including two from Ontario, but three states (Massachusetts, Minnesota and Washington) are represented as is Japan, who beat Korea in a final match-up to determine the best Pacific team.

"For his age, this is the highest he can go," says Nancy Walker, Jake's mother who dutifully travels around the province, and now the country for her son's curling. "When it comes down to the travelling, you just do what you have to do because that is where the kids are going."

Walker, a Grade 11 student at HHSS has curled since he was eight and has been making waves every since. When he was 12, he and his young teammates began playing in the Minden Curling Club's men's league, a first for the club.

"It was a great experience," says Walker. "It taught us a lot about etiquette."

The Minden Curling Club, where the entire Walker clan gathers at one night or another of the week, was also the stage on which Walker met his current men's provincial teammates.

"When I was in Grade 8, the bantam regionals were being played in Minden," he says nonchalantly about the meeting that changed his life. "One of Ben's [Willemse, Walker's current skip] players couldn't play that day, and if you need someone to play for you, they have to be from the host club. One of the club repre-



Leaning on his broom with a new coat and a new patch like a pro, Minden curler Jake Walker is Alberta-bound for what will be the highest level of competition in his curling career to date. The 2006 Under-18 International Curling Championships, held in Calgary, will include a team from Japan and three from the United States as well as teams from eight Canadian provinces and territories. Photo, Bryn Weese.

sentatives who was there that day called me and asked me to play for them."

With Jake's help, Ben Willemse and his team won their game, won the regional championship and advanced to the bantam provincial finals. The next year, when Jake was in Grade 9, Willemse's team lost a key player who became too old for bantam. Walker got the call to join them on a

permanent level, and the rest is history (in the making).

Among the four provincial finals that Walker played in last year, two school-related and a third for his mixed bantam provincial team, the most significant provincial final, the men's bantam, led to a berth in the international showdown in Calgary.

But despite having won the bantam provincial title more than a year ago, it wasn't until Christmas that they knew for

sure they would go to Calgary. Given the geographic divide and the saturation of talent, northern Ontario, who fields a separate pseudo-provincial team equal to other provinces, was also vying for the same spot in Calgary.

"We were planning for a playoff with northern Ontario," says Nancy who, like many sporting parents, is one with the team. "At Christmas time, we learned that Yukon had dropped out and that both Northern and Southern Ontario would be going. It was definite."

On Friday March 27, the entire Walker clan is flying to Alberta for the tournament. Jake, having spent many hours fundraising and with help from both the Minden TD Bank and the Minden Rotary Club, has raised his own funds to fly to Alberta. Once there, travel and living arrangements for the players are paid for.

And despite being excited about the trip, when asked about the tournament itself, Jake is coolly reluctant to be overly optimistic.

"I think that if we play like we did last year at provincials, we should do really well," he says, despite this reporter's best efforts to goad him to say they'll win. "At curling camp, we're taught to keep our goals reasonable."

That may also explain why Walker dreams about winning Junior titles next year, instead of winning gold at the Olympics or winning the famous Tim Hortons Brier.

In addition to Junior titles, for which Jake will be vying for until he is 20, the future looks bright. While Canadian universities do not offer curling scholarships, institutions in the U.S. do, and he is thinking seriously about them.

"With the amount of curling that he's doing and considering how far he's gone, it's a definite possibility, but they don't offer them in Canada yet, at least to my knowledge, which I don't quite understand," says Nancy.

Another curling step for Walker will come in a year's time when he can apply to be an instructor at his summer curling camp. The week-long gathering in Guelph brings together some of the finest curlers in the world. Two years ago, Walker met his favourite curler and winner of the gold at the most recent Olympics, Brad Gushue.

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- Permits and related matters under the Building Code Act, as amended.

Prior to the passing of the amended By-Law, a Public Meeting will be held at the Committee of the Whole/General Meeting of Council on April 13, 2006 at 9 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, at which time any person may make a presentation to Council. Presentations regarding the proposed fee increase will be heard at 9 a.m.

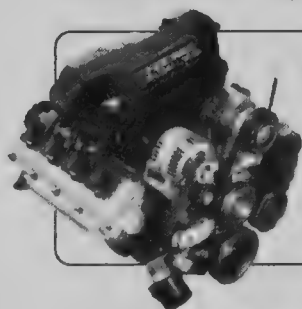
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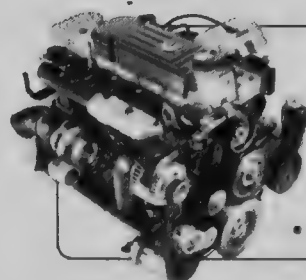
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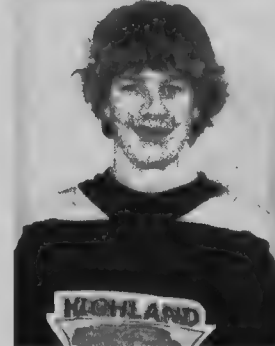
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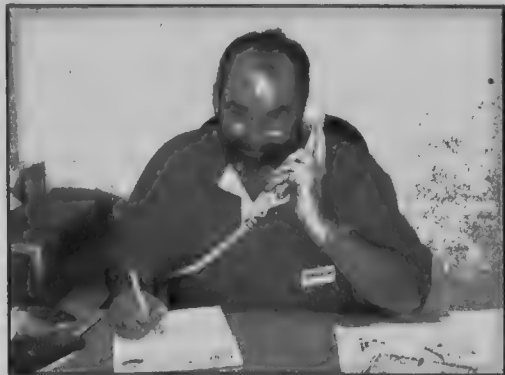
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Kadwell, a registered dietitian with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, recalls a time when she prepared a shrimp and vegetable stir-fry dinner for her family. One of her young sons eyed his meal suspiciously and announced he didn't like it. Kadwell pointed out he had never eaten shrimp before and urged him to try the food first before deciding if he couldn't eat it.

"At supper that night, he ate everything on his plate," Kadwell recalls with a smile.

Kadwell uses the story to illustrate a point. As the Health Unit marks Nutrition Month in March, she notes that promoting healthy eating can be challenging, but isn't impossible even with the most picky eater.

"People who choose healthy eating do so because they enjoy it and see the benefits that go with it," Kadwell says. "Eating well is a cornerstone of healthy living because it helps people feel better, be more energetic and it reduces the risk of chronic diseases like heart disease and stroke."

Having worked as a registered dietitian for more than 20 years, Kadwell sees a greater willingness on the part of people to try to eat nutritiously. As she notes: "More and more people want to eat better and that is encouraging."

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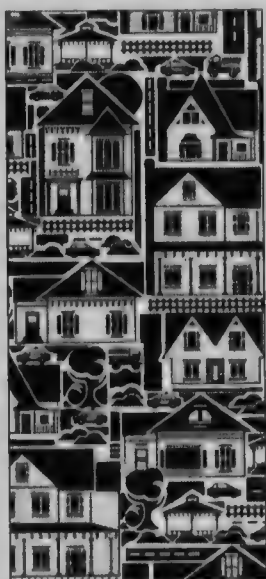
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Often an excuse for excessive amounts of green beer and dyed rivers, St. Patrick's Day has also become an excuse for a warm hearty stew dinner at the Minden United Church. Embracing the latter of the three celebrations, Desmond Shaw (left), his younger sister Zelda and their father Jana were three of many who enjoyed the celebratory meal in honour of Ireland's patron saint. While potatoes did play an important part of the stew, apples and ice cream were integral to the dessert. Photo, Bryn Weese.



Magazine's version of spring different than reality



AROUND THE TOWN

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Dateline

Monday, March 20, time 1:26 p.m. finds me out on the kitchen porch, Diet Coke in hand, ready to toast the official arrival of spring. Frankly I am freezing. The customers at the bird feeder, not new early spring arrivals but winter-over regulars, are obviously in agreement that I should return indoors.

There in the warmth of the old farmhouse I take solace in the April issue of *Harrowsmith Country Life* and its article titled *The Rites of Spring*. Complete with beautiful colour photographs the reader is reminded of some signs of spring – sap buckets on maple trees, the incredible energy of bulbs thrusting up through cold soil, anticipation of early appearing chives and asparagus in the garden, wild leeks, wildflowers and morel mushrooms dotting the woods. However, I must confess to a tug on the heart strings while viewing that peaceful pastoral scene of lambs grazing close to their mother ewes set beside a recipe for roasted rack of lamb with spring vegetables.

Once again the big bucks bid euchre held monthly by the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 was a great success with Emily Harvie winning first prize, Marcy Morgan second prize and Gloria Swanton third prize. The hidden score was discovered by Leona Lane. Bingo fans please note that there is bingo at the Legion on Friday nights starting at 6:45 p.m.

With the weatherman predicting lots of sunshine this Saturday, March 25 it will be a good day to attend the spring bazaar at the Kinmount community centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee there will be a variety of vendors, a spring raffle table and refreshments available. For the children there is a spring colouring contest with a prize for each entry and a draw for the grand prize basket. A special door prize of \$25 free gas has been kindly donated by Taylor's Service Station.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

March 14 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading the high scores was Georgina Parkes at 290 with Isobel Cherwenka 280 second and Pat Roussel 269 third.

Moonshots went to Gala Stamp, Albert Foster and Pat Roussel [2] while Jean Scadden, Helen Henderson, Tom Grix and Ida Young took the moonshots.

March 14 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: The top team members were our reporter Pearl Cowen and Helen Skelding with 397 then Jim Meadows and Laura Carnegie 346 and Paul Poulton partnered with Colleen Davison 307. The afternoon's low of 143 was recorded by Sandy Poulton and Cliff Davison.

March 14 contract bridge at Stanhope: Gloria Moore and Diana Spicer played the afternoon's only Slam. Gloria also took high score honours with 6150 points followed by Diana Spicer 5297, Stan Hill 4940 and Chuck Wilson 4850. Betty Dicker won both the lucky draw and the Shiny Penny while the hall filled with the strains of Glory, Glory Hallelujah as Gloria Moore was presented with the G.G.H. Special Award.

March 14 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: High scores ladies/men were recorded by Betty Hicks and Don Hicks with Gala Stamp taking ladies' low and Joyce Schellenberg low on behalf of the gents. George Bartley won for lone hands and Joyce Schellenberg took the draw prize.

March 15 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method in first place were Margo Davidson and Muriel McIntosh at 57% then Jacqueline Metcalf and Ross Fletcher a close second at 56% and Mayme Douglas partnered with Reet Murray 52% third.

March 15 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots showered down on Bill Milford, Leroy Mowat, Rob Evans, Lorne Dinesen, Don Burch, Gala Stamp, Muriel Harrington and Pearl Cowen. For the pinks it was our reporter Gala Stamp first at 266 with Lottie Ruttan 261 second and Muriel Harrington 252 third. Topping the whites was Bill Milford at 272 then Tom Pearson 261 and Chris Clarke 243 while a very special honourable mention was awarded to Helen Windsor.

March 15 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Emily Harvie was high and Mildred St. Thomas low with Harold Harvie first for the gents and Mike St. Thomas low man. Emily also won for most lone hands and Roger Fournier took the draw.

March 16 euchre at Minden Legion: In the lone hands column prizes went to Helen Luffman and Jim Bradbury with May Bradbury and Bob Cleverly recording the high scores. Flo Roussel and Lorne Dinesen had the evening's lows with Syd Adamson, Roy Knapton, John Mallon, Helen Skelding and Lois Adamson collecting the other prizes.

March 17 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell method it was Kelly Metcalf and Ross Fletcher leading at 59% then Norma Crewson and Joan Galley at 56% and Stella McMillan partnered with Margo Davidson third at 53%.

March 17 bid euchre at Club 35: Stan Dutka and Marnie Butler had the moonshots while Tom Pearson held the hidden score. Pearl Cowen topped the pinks at 258 with Marj Coffey 251 second and Linda Voiccy 243 third. For the whites it was Dick Coffey first at 312 then Stan Dutka 293 second and Pat Scadden 261 third. Thanks to Mary Pearson for her update.

March 18 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: The moonshot trio members were Helen Henderson, Emily Harvie and Kevin Maloney while Don Burch, Bev Johnson and Gala Stamp took the draws. Leading the pinks at 321 was Edith Burch followed by Pat Roussel 281 and Elva Paisley 265. At 255 Theresa Deak was first for the whites then Barb Robitaille 247 with Marcel Roussel and Margaret Fletcher tied for third spot at 228.

March 20 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Marjorie Paradis won for high score and also had two moonshots. Rose Isaacson was second high, Thelma Francis had a moonshot and Roger Fournier took the draw prize.

March 20 cribbage at Minden Legion: Topping the list was Verna McDonald with Syd Adamson next and Don Hicks third. Draw winners were Bob Cleverly, Lois Adamson, Edith Burch and our reporter Elva Paisley.

March 20 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Holding the most lone hands were Marion Stickwood and Jeanne Keliele with Jeanne also winning a draw along with Lois Adamson. High scores were recorded by Betty Sharpe [welcome back] and Lorne Dinesen while Lois Adamson and Gwen Cox tallied up the afternoon's lows.

March 20 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Olive Daniels, for lone hands Pearl Cowen on a cut of the cards, for low hands Albert Foster and for the draw convenor Elaine Yeo. New players from the community are always welcome at the Terrace.

March 20 euchre at Club 35: Garth Windsor reports that Pearl Kernohan had the most lone hands and Ray Sisson took home the baloney. High scores ladies/men went to Mavis Ryalen and Percy Butler while the low scores were recorded by Jean Randell and Ivan Kernohan.

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- **Now to Mar. 24:** Hospital Auxiliary will hold a used book sale at the Bank of Montreal. Lots of good reading.
- **Mar. 23:** Caregiving can be stressful and lonely. If you are caring for an individual with a life-threatening illness or Alzheimer's disease, we can help. SIRCH Community Hospice in partnership with the Alzheimer's Society provides a Caregiver's Support Group on Mar. 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Community Care in Haliburton. This group meets monthly to give caring support, share information, education, and caregiving tips and techniques. Call Dorothy Owens at SIRCH, 457-1742 ext. 36.
- **Mar. 23 to Apr. 27:** NEW - Ontario Early Years Family Math Nights is a 6 session program offering a light supper followed by many FUN early learning math activities. Parents with children ages 4 to 6 years will watch their children become excited about math and leave wishing math was this fun when they were a child! The program will take place at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden from Mar. 23 to Apr. 27 from 5-7 p.m. Must register ahead of time as space is limited to 12 families. Call to register at 286-1770 by Mar. 20., 2006.
- **Mar. 25:** "Bring in Spring Bazaar" - Sat., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre, sponsored by Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee. Snack Bar, Bake Sale, wide assortment of vendors, free admission. Tables available. Call Lynne 488-2919 for cost of tables and information.
- **Mar. 25:** Exploring what makes a story newsworthy - seminar for writers, aspiring writers and journalists with Paul Woods of the Canadian Press news agency. At the Bonnie View Inn beginning with breakfast at 10 a.m. Information from Don Buxcey at (705) 286-3012 or www.hhwen.org.
- **Mar. 26:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Modern Electric.
- **Mar. 29:** The newly formed Haliburton Highlands Cycling Coalition (HHCC) would like to invite all who are interested in cycling to a Membership & Planning evening on Mar. 29 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Sir Sandford Fleming College. The HHCC met for the first time last fall 2005 to discuss common issues to cyclists and how to best address them in Haliburton County. We would like an opportunity to share with you what our coalition has been working on, but we also want to give you an opportunity to share with us your ideas on how to shape the future of the HHCC.
- **Mar. 29 to May 31:** A 10 week Family Education Program is available Free to family members and caregivers of someone with a mental illness. We will meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Wed., evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. from Mar. 29 through to May 31. Please call 888-475-8874 or e-mail fcn@nexicom.net A.S.A.P. for more information and/or to register. An ongoing monthly support group is also being arranged, please indicate our interest in this opportunity at the time of your call.
- **Mar. 30:** Haliburton County Vet Services - Annual Meeting, Thurs., Mar. 30th, 7 p.m. at the Minden Arena.
- **Mar. 30:** Learn how to read food labels by attending Free Label reading workshop lead by Registered Dietitian Rosie Kadwell at 10:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up call 457-1391 x 245.
- **Apr. 1:** Maplefest "All you can eat" - Pancake/Sausage brunch and bake sale, Sat., 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lochlin United Church, Lochlin Road off County Road 1 (Gelert Road). The best deal in town! Real Haliburton Maple Syrup, of course.
- **Apr. 2:** Free Public Skating at the Minden Arena, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Sponsored by Subway Development.
- **Apr. 5:** Community Care presents a Laughter Workshop geared to Volunteers with Shelly King. This workshop goes from 1 - 2 p.m. Free to Community Care Volunteers. To anyone else who would like to take part there will be a fee. We encourage you to consider taking this workshop, as laughter is the best medicine. Call 457-2941 for more information, cost or to register.

- **Al-Anon Meetings** - Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** - Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Community Care Haliburton County** - If you need assistance with household chores - both inside and outside the home - please ask about our brokered worker program for Home Help and Home Maintenance. All our workers have been screened and pre-approved by our office. They offer low-cost service to seniors and disabled adults throughout Haliburton County. Call 457-2941.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- **McKee's Place** - Homework Club meets every Tues. at 4 - 6:30 p.m. All grades, all subjects. Phone Karen Frybort or Heather Taylor at 457-3443. The Homework Club emerged from a group of students working part-time at McKee's Place. Our Philosophy has always been "schoolwork comes ahead of a part-time job". As an employer that invests in our youth, we decided as management that we would assist the kids with their homework and allow them to complete their academic requirements as well as hold a part-time job, encouraging their financial independence and furthering their skills in the F & B Industry. It's a win/win situation. We will be looking for monthly sponsors for the club to offset costs of after-school snacks ... they are all hungry upon arrival from school, and healthy nutrition is just another aspect of the program.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Take a free grocery tour

from page 19

The trick is to turn good intentions into healthy eating practices every day."

To that end, the theme of Nutrition Month 2006 is making wise food choices wherever you go. It's a message the local Health Unit will be promoting in a variety of ways during the next few weeks.

Free supermarket tours will be offered at grocery stores in Minden and Haliburton on March 30.

On these tours, Kadwell will help participants learn to read food labels and understand nutrition claims on products to help them make healthier food choices when

they visit the grocery store.

For the first time, the Health Unit is offering its healthy lifestyle classes in Haliburton County. Starting on April 11, Kadwell will lead a Learn Eating and activity Forever (LEAF) series that offers participants ways to eat better, be more active and achieve a healthier body weight. The free series runs over four weeks.

Residents of Haliburton County who are interested in signing up for these events or finding out more information about healthy eating can call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or visit the "what's new" section at www.hkpr.on.ca.



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COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday April 10th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-148/05
Applicant: Gerald BROWN & Claudette THISTLE
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 10, Concession 14, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition & Right-of-way
2. File No. H-149/05
Applicant: MBHD HOLDINGS LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 20, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: Lot addition & Right-of-way
3. File No. H-001/06
Applicant: SHEFFIELD INVESTMENTS LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 4, Concession A, Geographic Township of Minden
Nature of the Application: New Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd day of March, 2006.

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General Employment A800

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Coming Events A940

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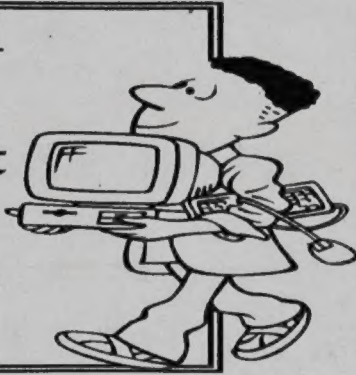
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Please forward resume to Hiring Committee, Family Services of Haliburton County, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, and K0M 1S0 or fax (705) 457-3492 or e-mail fshc@familyserviceshaliburton.ca by April 10th, 2006. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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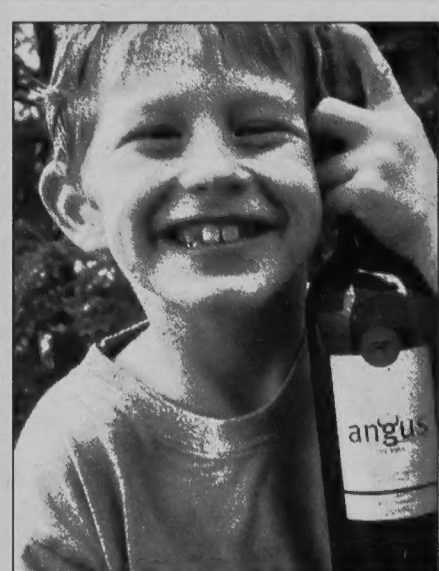
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Thank You Cards

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Obituaries

Hardy, Kenneth Hood - Entered into to rest suddenly Monday March 6, 2006 in his 85th year. Dear beloved husband of the late Betty (2004). Dear father of Keith and his wife Judy of Minden and Eleanor and her husband Don Redfern of Calgary. Loving grandpa of Phillip and Anthony Redfern. Ken will be missed by his furry friend Shep. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A Monk Funeral home Ltd., 127 Main St P.O. Box 427, Minden KOM 2KO (Or on line at WWW.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com) on Wednesday from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.. Funeral Service was held in our chapel on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 11:00 am. Spring Interment Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. 10096030

STRINGER Denise Jean

She left her family to be with the Lord, peacefully at Lakeshore Place, Burlington on Wednesday, March 15, 2006. Denise Stringer of Minden, at the age of 71. Loved sister of Rhondah and her husband Stan Penney of Burlington. Denise will also be sadly missed by her nephews Michael Penney and his wife Nanci of Burlington, David Penney and his wife Kathy of Oakville, Doug Penney and his wife Veronica of Toronto, John Penney and his wife Debbie of Mississauga and niece Tera and her husband Jim Felice of Callander and many grand nieces and nephews. Special friend of Bert Hawley, Private Cremation. If desired, expressions of sympathy to the charity of your choice would be sincerely appreciated by the family. Thank you to the wonderful staff at Lakeshore Place and the comforting words of the Rev. Jeff Bell. (Arrangements entrusted to SMITH'S FUNERAL HOME, BURLINGTON 905-632-3333). 10096798

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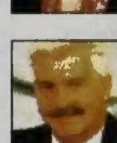


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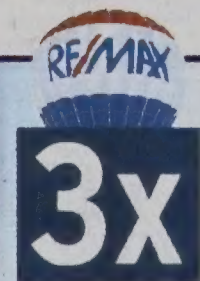


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